(d) The targets for the revenue earning traffic and originating freight traffic for the terminal year of the 8th Plan (1996-97) are 418.4 million tonnes and 443.4 million tonnes, res-Epectively. The target for 2000 AD has not been fixed. However, achieving the target of 600 million tonnes of freight by 2000 AD seems to be a difficult task.

Materialisations of traffic offerings

553. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the traffic offerings to the Railways have not materialized as per projections, in the first three years of the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what have been the revenue earnings on freight traffic during the last three years, what is the targetted freight traffic for 1994-95 and how much has been achieved so far?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Less offer of traffic from some crore sectors of the economy.

(c) The revenue earnings of freight traffic during the last three years are as under:—

(Rs. in Crores)

Year	Earnings
1991-92	9,462.13
1992-93	10,903.04
1993-94	12,557.36

The target of revenue earning freight traffic or 1994-95 is 380 million tonnes and provisional figures for actual traffic loaded during April to January, 1995 is 297.17 million tonne.

Modernisation of wheel and Axles Plant of Durgapur Steel Plant

554. SHRI JISON ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the "Wheel and Axles" plant of Durgapur Steel Plant was modernised in October, 1993 is consultation with the Railways with an investment of Rs. 150 crore;

(b) whether the said "Wheel and Axles" plant would be able to meet the supply of 5,000 wheels in a month; and

(c) if the reply to parts (a) and (b) above be in the affirmative, what are the reasons to slap a huge amount of loss by cut down in the "Wheel and Axles" plant's orders?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir, however, the modernisation was at a cost of Rs. 141 crores.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) Procurement is need based.

World Bank advice to Railways to corporatise its administrations

555. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank had advised the Ministry Railways to corporatise its administration, privatise its various offline activties as also its captive production units and slash its work force of 1.7 million by one million;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and